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The bond of fellowship in this church shall be a common purpose to do the will of God as Jesus revealed it and to co-operate in establishing the Kingdom for which he lived and died.
To that end we avow our faith in
God as Eternal and All-conquering Love,
The spiritual leadership of Jesus,
The supreme worth of every human personality,
The authority of truth known or to be known,
And in the power of men of good will and sacrificial spirit to overcome all evil and progressively establish the Kingdom of God.

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The Cover presents **Doolittle Home for Aged Persons** at Foxboro, Massachusetts, a service project of Massachusetts Universalists, this year celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the home.

The **editor** wrote the story of the debate on the Resolution on Unitarian-Universalist Relations held at the recent May Meeting of the American Unitarian Association, Boston, May 24.

The Davies-Weston Letters which preceded debate and consideration of the resolution on Federal Union and possible merger together with the **Rev. Irving Murray's Reply** are printed by permission of their authors.

Louise Inman, secretary of the Board of Doolittle Home, presented a most interesting and valuable historical survey of the Home at the Fortieth Anniversary Celebration, May 22, last. **The Doolittle Home in Retrospect** is the text of that address.

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Plan to Attend the Detroit Biennial

August 24-29

Malcolm S. Knowles, Administrative Co-ordinator for the Adult Education Association of the United States and nationally known authority on Group Dynamics, will be the theme speaker for the joint meeting of the Universalist Biennal Assembly and the American Unitarian Association Conference in Detroit. Mr. Knowles will speak on "**Man's Confidence in Himself.**"

Every Universalist church should send a full quota of well-informed delegates to this most important gathering. Actions which will determine the direction, the strength and usefulness of American Universalism and Unitarianism will be debated and voted at this great gathering.

Unitarian May Meeting Delegates Discuss Future Of Federal Union

THE spirit of contemporary Unitarianism was accurately reflected in two remarks dropped in the urse of the reports and debates during the business eeting of the American Unitarian Association, May , last. These were first that of a lady speaking to a solution. She said, "This is no time to accede to eeping conformism." (The association voted confirmg her conviction.) Second, the Rev. Richard Gibbs, rector of the Extension Department, in closing his port of steady progress said, with the ring of convicn that carried full confidence in affirmative response, et us face our opportunity with our fortunes and r cerebral organs."

Unitarian morale is high because Unitarian planning d programming are consistent, determined, intellint and courageous. This healthy spirit was very ident throughout the May Meetings.

Severe limitations of space this month preclude a ll reporting of the meetings for Universalists. The ory of the resolution on Unitarian and Universalist elations together with the events leading up to it and e debate on the resolution itself needs to be recorded r Universalists. This is especially true because the ports of this matter in the daily press were far from curate and were most incomplete. These press rerts were so slanted that they would lead many Unirsalists to believe that Unitarians, who voted enusiastically for Federal Union at Andover two years o, have changed their minds. This is not the case.

In his introduction to the printed Report of the nerican Unitarian Association to the Annual Meetg, Dr. Frederick May Eliot wrote of Federal Union: "The most important event of the last twelve onths, from the point of view of the American Unirian Association, has been the discovery that progress developing closer teamwork between Unitarians d Universalists is just like progress in any significant man enterprise — it will depend upon a combinan of faith and hard work. Enough progress has alady been made to strengthen our faith, but progress s been slow enough to stimulate our naturally imtient idealism by the corrective of common sense d sober judgment. We shall go to Detroit in August, eel sure, with no loss of confidence in the dreams we ared two years ago in Andover, but with a stiffened termination to solve problems which we are now beginning to recognize as more difficult than we had thought. This is not a change of attitude toward the main objective, but a change of pace that is wholesome and necessary."

Speaking directly to the delegates, Dr. Eliot said, "Unitarians and Universalists are impatient people. They want things done quickly, and their way. Federal Union is moving ahead. Difficulties have brought criticism, but the Council of Liberal Churches is on the road to success. Nobody is trying to speed this up any faster than the solid body of opinion wills."

On May 10, the Rev. A. Powell Davies, minister of All Souls Unitarian Church of Washington, D. C., and chairman of the Greater Washington Committee for Unitarian Advance, sent to all Unitarian ministers a letter from the Rev. Ross A. Weston, minister of the Unitarian Church of Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Weston registered his objections to the recommendation of the Joint Interim Committee that the delegates at Detroit vote on merger "sooner or later."

In his covering letter, Dr. Davies said in part, "I believe with Ross Weston, that the proposal to merge the Unitarian and Universalist denominations in the near future is based on a misconception of Unitarian obligation. Our real duty in this hour of moral and spiritual crisis is to transmit our Unitarian faith and heritage to a world that sorely needs it. Must we handicap ourselves for this task by inviting years of frustrating preoccupation with the difficulties — and insincerities — of merger?" The complete text of these letters together with the reply of the Interim Committee chairman follows this report.

As might be expected, the Davies-Weston letters stirred up much discussion among the delegates to the May Meetings. One result of this was an informal discussion group at the Hotel Bellevue the night before the business meeting. This unscheduled event brought together over one hundred and fifty people. The discussion was long and frank. Reliable reports indicate that the critics of Federal Union and/or merger were in distinct minority. The final outcome of the discussion was the framing of a resolution of Unitarian and Universalist relations that was acceptable to the Rev. Irving Murray, chairman of the Interim Committee, and to the backers of the Interim Report, which asks both Unitarian and Universalist delegates

to vote at Detroit on whether or not they wish merger "sooner or later."

Tuesday afternoon, following the Business Committee presentation of resolutions, the Association voted to discuss and vote upon the proposed resolution on Unitarian and Universalist relations.

The Rev. Ross A. Weston moved that:

Be it resolved: that the 130th annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association declares its conviction that any action taken at the 1955 General Conference which looks toward merger between the Unitarian and Universalist denominations shall provide that:

(1) Our local parishes and ministers shall have the opportunity to understand the full implications of Federal Union;

(2) More time shall be allowed to evaluate the effectiveness of the Council of Liberal Churches;

(3) Our local churches shall have presented to them all the facts for and against any proposed merger; and

(4) Our local churches shall have the opportunity to express themselves on the next step in merger or upon other alternatives.

The mimeographed copy of the resolution was labeled "submitted by John G. McKinnon, president, Unitarian Ministers' Association; A. Powell Davies, chairman, Greater Washington Unitarian Advance; J. Ray Shute, retiring president, Unitarian Laymen's League, and the Rev. Ross A. Weston, minister, Unitarian Church of Arlington, Virginia.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. Irving Murray, chairman of the Joint Interim Committee. Mr. Murray noted that all of the requirements stated in the resolution would, of course, be observed by both denominations.

Speaking to the resolution, Mr. Weston asserted that it was not presented in opposition to the Council of Liberal Churches nor intended as instruction to the delegates in Detroit, but seeks merely "to guarantee the democratic process." He stressed his desire that any move "be voted by laymen."

In his argument for the resolution, J. Ray Shute cited a motion recently passed by the Unitarian Laymen's League that "no delegate should attempt to pledge the votes of future delegates" and pointing out that the Unitarian Laymen's League "looks with disfavor on any action which would approve in advance any merger."

Clifford Hoffman moved to amend the resolution by adding the word "Fellowships" following "parishes" or "churches" in each of the numbered paragraphs. The amendment was passed.

The Rev. Robert Lawson moved to strike out paragraph (2) asserting that the call for "more time" was meaningless. His amendment was defeated 154 to 168.

Gentile of Detroit and Cavalier of Cleveland both spoke in opposition to the resolution. Margaret Peakson of St. Louis rose to say that while she intended to vote for the resolution, her voice would not "reflect any lack of enthusiasm for Federal Union." Several other delegates stressed this point of view also.

Following energetic discussion, always in good spirit, the delegates to the American Unitarian Association passed the resolution on Unitarian and Universalist relations by a vigorous voice vote.

—E.H.T.

DAVIES AND WESTON ON UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST RELATIONS

To the Unitarian Ministers:

It seems to me that the enclosed letter which I have received from Ross Weston should be of interest to all of us. With characteristic forthrightness, he puts on record the same views that a good many have been expressing *off* the record.

I believe, with Ross, that the proposal to merge the Unitarian and Universalist denominations in the near future is based upon a misconception of Unitarian obligation. Our real duty in this hour of moral and spiritual crisis is to transmit our Unitarian faith and heritage to a world that sorely needs it. Must we handicap ourselves for this task by inviting years of frustrating preoccupation with the difficulties — and insincerities — of "merger"?

Why have we been building up the Unitarian name — more meaningful today than at any time since the 1820's — if we are going to surrender or subdue it, now, when it means so much of opportunity? Churches are means, not ends, and we should serve our true ends with the means best suited to them.

I also agree with Ross that a vacation-time Biennial Conference is not representative and that it should make no major decisions. The entire question should go — *as a completely open question* — to the churches. Anything else is a perversion of our democracy.

—A. Powell Davies

May 4, 195

Dr. A. Powell Davies, Chairman
Greater Washington Committee for
Unitarian Advance

Dear Powell:

In connection with the discussion the last meeting of the Greater Washington Committee, I would like to advise you that I have just finished reading the First Report to the Churches of the Joint Interim Commission on Federal Union. I put it aside convinced that the fears of those of us who were opposed to Federal Union in the beginning have now been justified. partial federation could not help but lead to the thought of complete merger; any more than an exciting engag

ent will most likely lead to a wed-
ng, although the marriage may not
highly desirable.

How the Interim Commission can
nscientiously dangle the appetizing
it of "sooner or later merger" before
ır people at this time is difficult to
ıderstand. The Commission knows,
most of us know, that enough time
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to permit a sound evaluation of
ederal Union, let alone to warrant
onsideration of complete merger at
is time. The report of the Interim
ommission, in its own evaluation of
e Council of Liberal Churches, sub-
antiates this fact. Only in one area—
ligious education — is Federal Union
ow operating efficiently, and that is
great victory. The Interim Com-
ission ought to share the "good judg-
ent" of the Council members who
ave already recognized that "they must
ake haste slowly if the objectives of
ederal union are to be fully and en-
ıringly realized." The Interim Com-
ission could have rendered a distin-
ıished service to our denominations
it had stated with candor and with
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ıurches are unaware of?

Not only do we need more time to
valuate the Council of Liberal Church-
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lucate our people. At the present
me, we are operating from a point of
norance. I am amazed at the utter
ck of knowledge on the part of our
eople concerning the Council of Lib-
al Churches. In our own Washing-
n area, where we now have three
rong Unitarian churches and four
riving Unitarian centers, one out-
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owing Universalist fellowship, I do
ot know of one layman who is com-
letely familiar with the Council of
iberal Churches, let alone informed
any contemplated course of action.
his is true of my Universalist friends
well as Unitarian. Most Unitarians
that I talk with are mildly in favor of Federal Union to about the same degree as they approve of Mother's Day, and they are for the Council of Liberal Churches just as they are for Patriotism! In other words, they are for love and brotherhood; but that is the end of it! There is no profound feeling of deep conviction for the total merger of the two denominations. As you well know, in this locality we prefer to go our own way, and we do so with dignity and respect, rejoicing for each other's growth and success. But as far as inter-church cooperation is concerned, it is limited at present to the weekly exchange of our respective bulletins.

As for my fellow Unitarian ministers, my experience has been that some of those who have made public pronouncements in favor of Federal Union and the Council of Liberal Churches are the very ones who are now whispering in the dark against it. What poison is at work in our fellowship that makes an open discussion and a frank appraisal of Federal Union impossible? Could it be that the ministers have trapped themselves? After all, the ministers were the ones mostly responsible for advising their parishes on how to vote during the Federal Union plebiscite. Our churches were not informed on the meaning of Federal Union, nor did they possess any real understanding of the Universalists. They possess even less knowledge today. In reality, it was a ministers' plebiscite; and having voted for it they now feel that they are somehow committed to see it through. I suspect, however, that deep down in their hearts they do not wish to see it through.

The fact that we use the same hymnal, share the same church school curriculum, recruit our ministers from the same seminaries, and collaborate in a hundred-and-one different enterprises, as the Interim Commission points out — is only superficial. The real fact is, if I read the undercurrents in our movement correctly, there is no positive abiding conviction toward a total merger of the two denominations.

And this is the tragedy of the situation! We Unitarians used to pride ourselves on the practice of free and open debate. We still believe in it in principle; but when it comes to Federal Union, or the Council of Liberal Churches, or merger, we are not practicing free and open debate. We are not saying — lay people, ministers, and denominational officials — what we really think and how we really feel! A blanket of comformity has been thrown over the denomination with the result that anyone who raises his voice in opposition to further federation with the Universalists at this time is accused of being partisan and sectarian. The real danger, as I see it, is that we are forgetting our responsibility for transmitting the moral and spiritual values in Unitarianism at a time of crisis when these values are sorely needed.

Unitarianism is just coming of age in America today! The very word — "Unitarian" — has become a symbol of hope to many thoughtful Americans. We are on the threshold of a great advance; and the resources of our whole denomination should be thrown into this magnificent opportunity. If we do not take advantage of it now, we may lose it forever. To take advantage of it ought to be the chief business of our leaders—not a "sooner or later" merger of two denominations.

It seems to me that the Interim Commission committed an error of judgment in recommending in its first report that the delegates attending the Biennial meeting should vote that merger "sooner or later" take place. This is a decision that should come from the churches, and not Detroit. The Biennial meeting is not truly representative of the denomination, and I do not see how it could possibly speak for the local churches on this matter. It meets when most of our churches are closed, when many of our laymen are on vacation, and when denominational interest throughout our local churches is at its lowest ebb. The Biennial is governed by too many capricious factors — c h a n c e attendance, to name only one — that no one in his right mind could believe that it represents the best thinking of our churches. Any decision to move forward toward merger should come from the individual parishes themselves. Moreover, the churches should be given the opportunity to vote not only for merger "sooner or later," but for alternatives to merger. To provide for wide choices is the very least we can do in a congregationally-governed denomination.

The Interim Commission would have better served our respective move-

ments — and the cause of liberal religion — if it had recommended to both denominations that no further action be taken at Detroit which will result in more federation between our churches until our individual parishes have the opportunity to understand the full implications of Federal Union, time to evaluate for themselves the effectiveness of the Council of Liberal Churches, and the freedom to express themselves on merger "sooner or later" or upon other alternatives.

It is regrettable that the Interim Commission could not have distributed its report to the churches earlier so that the columns of *The Register* could have been used for a discussion of its recommendation well before the May Meetings. But since the May issue of *The Register* has already gone to press, it will be necessary to discover some other means of creating discussion about the report.

I have not seen the agenda of the Annual Meetings of the American Unitarian Association, but I hope that a discussion of the Interim Report will have a large place on it. Indeed, it would be in order, I think, for Unitarian delegates assembled at their annual meeting to speak a few words of advice to their fellow delegates who will soon be meeting at a much less representative conference in Detroit.

Could not you, as Chairman of the Greater Washington Committee, exert your influence to alert our fellow Unitarians to the dangers inherent in the present denominational situation?

—Ross A. Weston

MR. MURRAY'S REPLY

Dear Colleague:

Under date of May 10, 1955 Dr. A. Powell Davies wrote you from Washington, D. C.: "Our real duty in this hour of moral and spiritual crisis is to transmit our Unitarian faith and heritage to a world that sorely needs it. Must we handicap ourselves for this task by inviting years of frustrating preoccupation with the difficulties — and insincerities — of 'merger'? . . . A vacation-time Biennial Conference is not representative and . . . should make no major decisions. The entire question should go — as a completely open question — to the churches. Anything else is a perversion of our democracy."

The Joint Interim Commission on Federal Union is pleased to have this vigorous expression of Dr. Davies' views. As we have said in our First Report: ". . . The Commission will welcome correspondence . . . We . . . need to know what Universalists and Unitarians are thinking, across the continent." We fully intend to share this correspondence with ministers and churches, as well as with the delegates to the Joint Biennial.

The Commission considered the possibility that delegates at Detroit might be impatient to act definitively.

They cannot.

Our First Report specifically notes that definitive action can come only after a plebiscite in our individual churches.

Dr. Davies encloses a copy of a letter addressed to him by the Reverend Ross A. Weston. Mr. Weston wrote Dr. Davies: "I should like to know, if the Interim Commission will tell us, why it felt compelled to ask for a vote on merger in its *first* report to the churches? Was there at work a previous commitment that the churches are unaware of?" This seems an oblique way to put questions to this Commission — but we will assume the questions really are intended for us.

Our Commission did not feel "compelled" to ask for a vote on merger.

Was Andover another Yalta? No. There were no deals. Nothing was done that the churches had not instructed the delegates to do. To make sure that the action taken would be legally binding for a Massachusetts corporation the 1953 Biennial was held in Massachusetts. (This would not be true of Detroit, Michigan; by so much, again, our people should know that no definitive action can be taken at the 1955 Biennial.) Every possible effort was exerted to get full, free, frank discussion at Andover. The only considerable number that may have left Andover somewhat disappointed were those who wanted something more nearly akin to merger than the limited federal union actually established.

We do not understand that we have asked for a vote that will effect merger. That cannot legally be done at Detroit. We do propose to ask the delegates: Are you for or against merger? And if for it, what is your time-table — always remembering that you must submit the proposition to a referendum by the churches?

Dr. Davies and Mr. Weston imply that the General Conference should never be permitted to undertake "major decisions." But the By-Laws of the Association specifically empower the General Conference to "consider and act upon any matters of interest to the Association." If in fact the General Conference has been in years past, or this year threatens to be, "not representative," it behooves the Association to take steps to make it representative or to amend its By-Laws. Under the present By-Laws this Commission supposes it might be charged with negligence, or worse, if, as Mr. Weston by implication suggests, we went to Detroit prepared only to say to the delegates: "We doubt your competence."

Mr. Weston declares: "A blanket of conformity has been thrown over the denomination with the result that anyone who raises his voice in opposition to further federation with the Universalists at this time is accused of being partisan and sectarian." This Commission sees no evidence that discussion has been shut off, as charged. For our part we are determined to do everything within our power to make unfettered discussion possible.

We hope that Unitarians and Universalists will use the blanket for bundling rather than for asphyxiation.

It is the writer's judgment that the financial facts of life may make it necessary to postpone merger. I believe we shall learn between now and Detroit that merger in the immediate future is just not economically possible. But this does not mean that we cannot point our hearts and minds in that direction.

And if the Unitarians and Universalists of the continent should together do something a little more ambitious than exchanging church calendars, we cannot see how this must necessarily endanger our "magnificent opportunity" of "great advance." We are not selling soap, after all. Our opportunity is real. The advance we seek is something more than nose-counting. The question of the value of our denominational names *is* both delicate and important. But surely not as important to us as the comparable question must be to the soap-manufacturer. For we Unitarians and Uni-

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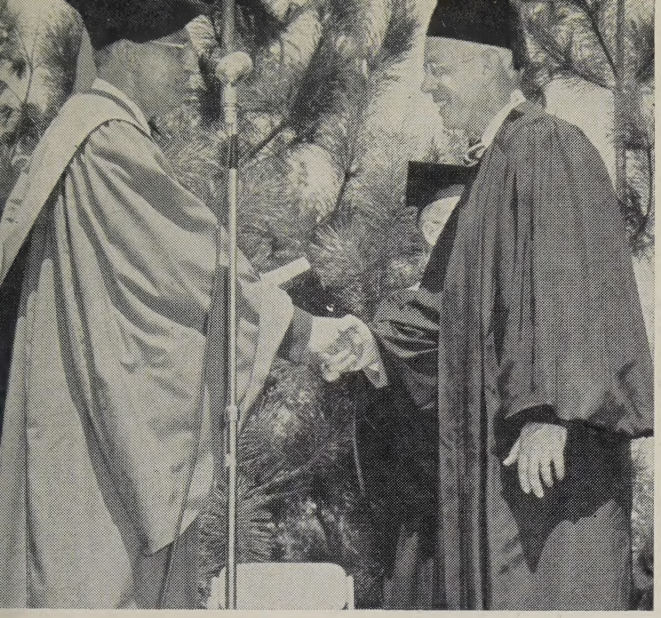

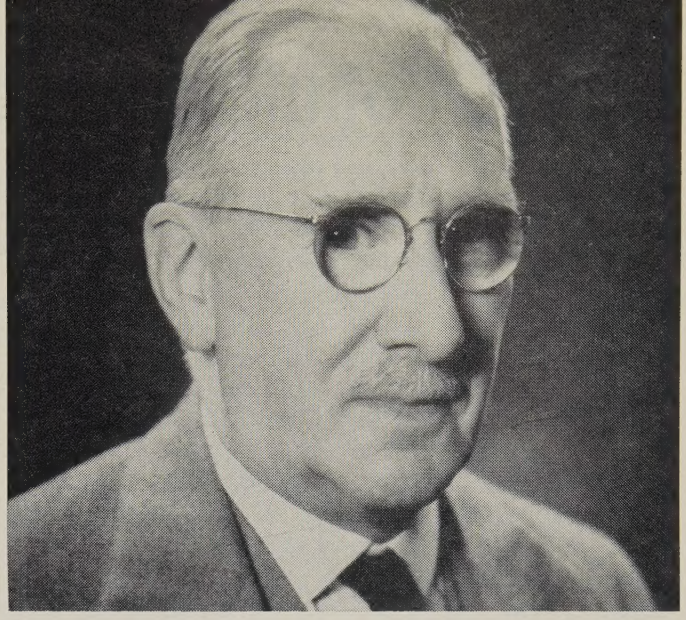

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e has worthily dedicated his talents to the arduous
nd demanding tasks of the church in our day, and
as won love and honor wherever he has served.

He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Com-
ıencement Speaker for his class. After serving
nurches in Urbana, Illinois and Columbus, Ohio, he
ecame, in 1940, minister of the Universalist Church
f the Restoration in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
here he is not only a beloved pastor but a leader in
ıuses for the civic and social welfare of his fellow
itizens. Instrumental in the procurement of play-
round facilities for his community, leader in the erec-
on of an educational building for his parish, trusted
ervant of agencies ministering both to the young and
ıe old, he has also been called upon for many de-
ominational labors, and he is now Executive Secre-
ıry of the Pennsylvania Universalist Convention. A
enchant and vital thinker, he has been author of
ıany papers and articles; a lover of music, he has fos-
ered the appreciation of the arts in religion; a cham-
ion of ethical faith, he has preached, with effective
ower, the gospel of love and justice and freedom;
ı understanding counselor, he has reached out the
and of brotherhood to men and women in sorrow
nd trouble.

As one who has modestly, honorably, and creative-
committed himself to the great concerns of religion
nd man, St. Lawrence University is honored to confer
pon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

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Presenter: Mr. President and members of the Board of Trustees, I have the honor to present to you Laurance Irving Neale, native of Boston and a graduate of Harvard College; for a period of over thirty years following college graduation he achieved a notable career in the world of business and industry and then turned to the Unitarian ministry, entering (at the age of fifty-three) the Union Theological Seminary. At the age of fifty-five he became acting minister of the Unitarian Church of All Souls in New York City, associate minister one year later and minister two years later, the latter position being the one he has held for the past thirteen years. As a businessman he rose to the position of vice-president of the Atlantic Gypsum Products and served as a member of various government advisory and regulatory commissions; as a church layman he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Meadville Theological School and as a clergyman, a member of the Board of Directors of the American Unitarian Association. For the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa.*

President: Successful businessman, who turned his talents to man's spiritual needs, you embody the high ideals and the deep concern for the welfare of fellow men which might well motivate all of us. To you, Laurance Irving Neale, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

The Doolittle Home — In Retrospect

Louise Inman

The annual open house of Doolittle Home, which was held Sunday, May 22, brought over two hundred Universalists to the Home for the celebration of the fortieth anniversary. The following essay on the history of this fine Universalist project was presented by Mrs. Inman to the gathering.

TODAY it is altogether fitting, and extremely interesting, to look back over the forty years since the Doolittle Home was incorporated, and mark its growth. For a grand home like this didn't just happen. It was a dream in the mind of a man, a dream that met a need felt by thinking men and women of our denomination. The dream began to crystallize in June of 1915, when five men, meeting at the Universalist Publishing House, then at 359 Boylston Street in Boston, proceeded to incorporate the Doolittle Home under laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. By-laws had been drawn up, and these were carefully scrutinized, after which, by election, Dr. Conklin became the first president of the Home, Charles C. Wilmarth the clerk and treasurer, Edward P. Claflin, Frank I. Sherman, and Joseph L. Sweet the first trustees.

In September of that same year, the family homestead of Sarah B. Doolittle of Foxboro was approved; the next few months were very busy ones with painting, remodelling, and furnishing the Home. At the meeting in May 1916, it was voted to hire Mrs. Mary A. Ramey as matron at the magnificent salary of thirty-five dollars per month, she "to undertake all housework until there were more than five people in residence." The Home was officially opened June 1, 1916, with Ira P. Whittlesey as the first resident. The estimated budget for the year was $2,723.67, only slightly more than one month's expenses today!

In that first year, a "Visitors' Day" was inaugurated and held on June 24. Since that time, a Visitors' Day has been held annually in the late spring, with the exception of the war years when travel was impossible.

As planning for the season ahead was contemplated, a complete new heating system was made possible through the generosity of Joseph L. Sweet of Attleboro. Mr. Wilmarth "was allowed the privilege of connecting the building with the town sewer at no expense to the Home, together with other needed repairs to the property."

At this time several Universalists or Universalist groups throughout the state assumed the responsibility of furnishing a room, all of which added greatly to the facilities of the Home.

In September of 1916 three trustees were added to the Board — Mrs. Ezra Comey of Foxboro, Mrs. John Tweedy of North Attleboro and Nelson Crosskill of Foxboro. In October, Mrs. A. W. Peirce of Franklin was added.

We are happy to note that Mrs. Tweedy is still serving actively with the present Board of Trustees. Though in the South every winter, Mrs. Tweedy regularly attends meetings when she is at home, wins new friends for the Home, and is very valuable in her advisory capacity, drawn from long experience.

I noted a few moments ago the tremendous salary of the first matron; I also gleaned from the clerk's report the notation that she might take a vacation, if she "provided a substitute, and incurred no expense to the Home." However, I find an entry to "pay Elsie Ramey full matron's pay for the two weeks she substituted for the matron." I wouldn't for a moment have you think the early trustees were miserly; indeed, they were very far from it. They gave generously of their time, energy and money, to start this venture on a safe course. Indeed, over the years until the Permanent Fund was put in operation and the endowments greatly increased, in a mysterious and marvellous way the books were brought into balance every year.

In December of 1917, the Rev. Eliza T. Hosking became the matron of the Home, and later May Pond became her assistant. Mrs. Hosking lives in Foxboro a part of each year, and sent her greetings to this celebration today. Miss Pond, who served the Home as nurse in its early years, has been a resident now of the Home for seventeen years — and a very sweet one. She will observe her ninety-first birthday this summer.

The Home family began to increase, right from the time the doors were first open. Rules for admission had to be drawn up; rules governing conduct during residency were made explicit. Many friends from Cambridge, North Attleboro and Attleboro are frequently mentioned as donors of furnishings or money, or both, for the improvement of the Home. Mrs. Farme

Brookline donated the cost of long piazzas on two des of the Home. The Women's Missionary Society, ne Church of the Good Shepherd in Lawrence, The ld Colony Association—all are frequently mentioned donors.

You would find it interesting to hear an account of Doolittle "Open House," written by our own beved Dr. John van Schaick, back in 1926. Dr. van haick had apparently agreed to attend this funcon, and here are excerpts from his account which as published in the *Leader* of June 26 that year, and ter reprinted.

"Eleven years ago Dr. Frederick A. Bisbee, editor the *Leader,* stood under a large elm tree at the rner of a village lot in Foxborough, Mass., and offr a prayer of dedication for 'a home for aged perons.' "

"The Home started in a home. Miss Sarah B. oolittle of Foxborough gave her village house and t — the home of her father and mother — to an sociation organized to do an important piece of cial service.

"The Chapin Home at Jamaica, Long Island, the Iessiah Home at Philadelphia, and the Delos H. hompson Home for Aged Women at Waldron, Inana, all Universalist, already were in existence—the rst with 104 or 105 inmates, the second with thirtyvo. But at each home there had always been a long aiting list. A new institution would not be a mere uplication of what was being well done already. It ould add to existing facilities.

"So the Rev. Charles Conklin, D.D., State Supertendent of Massachusetts, and his associates thought, nd time has proved that they were right. The home as started under the fostering care of the Convenon on Dr. Conklin's recommendation.

"But a home needs more than a roof to shelter eople. It needs bread and meat and coal. It needs ooks and a matron. It needs doctors, nurses and a ispensary. It needs a host of things tangible and ingible to make it a success.

"In the eleven years of its history the Doolittle Iome has found these things, kept improving the roperty, started an endowment fund — now over 37,000—and made the old people assembled there so appy that the home has made a fine reputation for self far and wide.

"On the first Tuesday of June in each year an Fair in honor of the home is held in Foxborough. is not exactly a picnic, an excursion, a camp-meeting, a donation party, a revival, a sale, or an old home ay, but has elements of all these combined.

"From two hundred to four hundred people, mainly Universalists, go there from the Greater Boston area and the towns around about, visit the home, hold meetings in the beautiful old Universalist church, eat a picnic luncheon supplemented by what the Foxborough Ladies' Aid Society can furnish, see the old folks and have a general good time.

"This year the anniversary came on June 1, a bad day for the men to get away—on a Tuesday, after a Monday, after a Sunday and after a Saturday afternoon, all of which had been holidays. Besides, it had rained the day before and the sky was overcast the morning of the affair.

"Coming in from Washington on the Federal at 9 a.m., I had to jump around lively to get some breakfast, go over the mail, do the dictation for the day, start various things going and catch the 11 a.m. train for Mansfield—a station on the road to Providence. I omitted morning devotions and silently cursed the Doolittle Home and all its works as I reached hastily for a clean shirt and chased an elusive collar button, noting I had just ten minutes left in which to make the train. Only by the help of Miss Mary Slaughter, the General Sunday School Association Field Agent, did I do it, for she bought the tickets and allotted me two minutes for my coffee. Dr. Merrick and Miss Slaughter went down to represent Headquarters, and to make speeches. I went because I had agreed to go.

"But it was a good day after all—a day of interesting new things to see and to do, of uplifting and inspiring speeches and music, of contact with noble, unselfish service—a day when one thinks better of his kind and makes room for those purer feelings which well up when the right springs within us are cleared out."

I also noted, on the back page of this same reprint, that Mrs. Westerberg, then of the local church, was superintendent of the Home Study Department, which met at the Home. Mr. and Mrs. Westerberg are now living in West Hartford, active there in the Rev. Wallace Fiske's Church; and we are happy that they are in our audience today.

I am sure you would not forgive me if I dwelt too long on each step of progress the Home has made; you realize with me that this Home demonstrated its need for existence to the extent that, by 1930, enlarging of the Home was imperative to meet demands on it. With careful planning, and under the able leadership of the Rev. Charles Haney, captains were secured in all areas, and a successful drive for funds to enlarge the Home, as you see it today, was brought to a close. Dr. Conklin lived to see funds for the en-

larged home realized, though he did not live to see the completed building.

So the Home has shared very generously over the years, with friends from Maine to Florida, from Arizona and California — yes, almost every state in the Union. Annual memberships, sustaining memberships, life memberships, memorials and legacies, large and small, have aided us to meet the increased demands of the years. Our Permanent Fund, modestly begun with the purchase of a Liberty Bond of $1000 in 1917, has now grown to something over $486,000. We want to put it comfortably over the $500,000 mark, for only in that way, and with continued loyalties, can we operate.

Time does not permit me to trace the "home territories" of all our residents, but I do know currently that our residents have represented all the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, and Washington, D. C. Inquiries and applications at the moment include Iowa, Michigan, and California. And so we cannot be accused of being "local"!

We have been extremely fortunate over the years in having the services of a reputable physician donated. Dr. Benton P. Crocker started this precedent, serving until his death. Dr. James J. Putnam is our current benefactor. Their contribution in service to the Home family is inestimable.

Your Board of Trustees has grown from seven to eighteen, and each one shares in the plans and deliberations for the Home. Our Staff has grown from two to seven, with an assistant treasurer, and with extra seasonal help in the departments of housecleaning and care of the grounds.

COME OFF YOUR HIGH HORSE!

William Wallace Rose

So many of life's minor antagonisms become major feuds simply because the contenders insist on standing on their dignity and pride, though the heavens fall. Come down off your high horse. Learn to yield.

There is moral strength in yielding. How often we gain more by giving in than by holding on. The skillful mother avoids clashing with her children, letting them have their own way, and cleverly bringing them to see their mistake. So many a battle has been won by strategic retreat as well as by bold advance.

So be willing to listen. Grant your adversary all that can be granted. See how far you can go in agreeing with him. See what he does with the advantage you give him. You may be surprised.

For it is surprising how the healing touch of good will works out in life's commoner antagonisms. For instance, you have an adversary. You go to him frankly to talk things over. You confess your own possible trespass. You appeal to his reasonableness. You assume him to be a fair-minded person who only wants to do the right thing.

And unless I miss my guess, in nine cases out of ten your opponent is more ready to forgive and forget than you were prepared to ask or expect. This is the strategy of the "soft answer" which turns away wrath.

Naturally, there are situations which call for a stubborn stand, but such are far less common than pride is likely to think. More often, when you clinch with someone whose views are opposed to yours, and you let him have his say, you find there is no vital principle at stake at all, merely a phrase or a definition of terms.

Moreover, the act of yielding a point has the psychological effect of awakening any nobility in the other person. You appeal to the sense of fair play, courtesy, consideration. This is the gist of the commandment "turn the other cheek."

Remember that other people are quite as plastic as you, and as open to the advances of good will. At any moment, then, for some good reason or for no reason at all, your adversary may suddenly realize he has been unfair, and stands ready to do the handsome thing, if opportunity presents itself. Your conciliatory approach is his opportunity.

So, yield more, forgetting your pathetic pride. For to be irreconcilable and immovable is to prefer a dead end to an open road!

Unitarian-Universalist Relations

HE story of Unitarian concern for and fear of . Federal Union or merger with Universalists pears elsewhere in this number. Of this matter, . Brainard F. Gibbons, General Superintendent of Universalist Church, wisely said:

It is my opinion that much of the furor over he report of the Joint Interim Commission arises from the fact that the people have not yet seen the resolutions that will be presented at Detroit to be drawn from the commission's recommendations. I have not yet seen those resolutions and I may be misinterpreting. However, t is my thought that a vote there will not be taken on merger but simply to find out whether people want to study and develop plans for merger which they will later consider. Such plans would not be presented until another General Assembly in 1957, after which, if accepted there, they would have to go back to all ocal churches for vote, etc. In short, all the safeguards involved in Weston's resolutions, I believe, are contemplated.

We associate ourselves with Dr. Gibbons in these narks and wish heartily that we could let the mat- rest. There are, however, other considerations addition to the resolution passed at the Unitarian y meeting that call for frank examination. The ocess by which it came to the meeting indicates t there is real opposition among Unitarians to deral Union and to possible merger. Since among erals one never expects anything other than tenns between "Pro" and "Con" in every question, opposition itself is not disturbing.

What did disturb us deeply was a phrase in Dr. vies' letter to the Unitarian ministers. We have thing but admiration for Dr. Davies' concern for nsmitting "our Unitarian faith and heritage to a rld that sorely needs it." His description of the air of federal union and possible merger, hower, as "inviting years of frustrating preoccupation h the difficulties—and insincerities—of merger" something that cannot be passed over in silence. nkly we were deeply shaken by the suggestion of sincerity" in Unitarian-Universalist relations.

As one who has been intimately associated with movement of Federal Union from its beginnings this writer asserts that to the best of his knowledge and belief the proceedings have been always in complete good faith. If we are naive in this attitude, so be it, but we do not believe we are naive.

From the beginnings, there have been in some quarters, and among both Unitarians and Universalists, at times, uncertainty, hesitation, or even fear of future developments; *but always good faith,* never insincerity!

If there is a good deal of hitherto unexpressed opposition to Federal Union and possible merger among Unitarians and/or Universalists, that opposition should be brought into the open forthwith, and resolved for the best interests of these two important liberal fellowships. Undeclared and unresolved opposition in time becomes a source of irritation that, unlike the grains of sand in the oyster, produces not pearls but destruction. This is so because liberal churches, unlike oysters, are dynamic organizations made up of independent minds.

We are not engaged in a parlor game which requires of us only that we be nice little ladies and gentlemen come what may. We are involved in matters on which the future welfare and serviceableness of two great liberal religious institutions depend. Our moral imperative, therefore, is that we deal frankly with each other *and in the mature manner.*

Much of the opposition to federal union or possible future merger has come about, we believe, because of faulty methods of handling our problems. With the best of good will, we voted "Yea" on large propositions *before* we had given adequate thought and realistic planning in the fields of Universalist and Unitarian organizational and financial structures. This was a mistake and has caused real difficulties. It can, however, be corrected by Unitarians and Universalists at Detroit. In the words of Dr. Eliot speaking at the May Meeting, what is required is "not a change of attitude toward the main objectives, but a change of pace that is wholesome and necessary."

Such wholesome and necessary change can be made at Detroit *if* ministers and lay delegates proceed with the same honest frankness and mature determination that Unitarian and Universalist youth showed in the six-year period during which they hammered out an honest merger that is working well.

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A SPIRITUAL AIM

Laura S. Hersey

To say that Unitarian and Universalist women have much in common is to state a truism. The similarity of their aims, the coincidence of their purposes have been amply demonstrated in the past. Although there may be a variation in the expression of those aims and a difference in the fulfillment of the purposes, the differences are those of interpretation and not of concept.

In her closing address at the Alliance May Meeting in 1954, Mrs. Hart, the retiring president, reminded the members that "we must place spiritual aim above all else." Indeed, she was right. It is easy, caught up in the mechanics of operation of a large organization, to lose sight of the true purpose of its existence. Ways and means, methods and procedures tend to become ends in themselves as they command our attention and consume our time. Important as these things are, necessary to the smooth functioning of the body as they may be, they are not the whole story.

The ultimate objective of such organizations as the Unitarian Alliance and the Association of Universalist Women is, it seems to me, a deepening and enriching of the lives and faith of the individuals who comprise their membership. To this end we offer, each of us, a program of worship, education, fellowship, and service; and we know today, if we have not known in the past, that these four are all interrelated, each one existing within the other three. Wholehearted participation in such a program is bound to awaken in the individual a sense of responsibility to the world in which she lives.

In the world of today such a sense of responsibility and such a religious consciousness are of paramount importance. The times in which we live are tense and troubled. There is great need of a faith that "sees things steadily and sees them whole," and of a religion that is rooted in its belief in the individual and his freedom. Toynbee has said that "if freedom is not preserved in religion, which is its spiritual citadel, it may be altogether lost; and without freedom, man would no longer be human."

In the face of such a pronouncement it may seem a small thing to reiterate the importance of participation in a program of worship, education, fellowship, and service; and yet that is the Universalist and Unitarian women's best way of putting into action the faith they possess, the surest way of preserving the freedom they so highly prize. To open wide the heart in worship, the mind in education, and to give freely of one's self in fellowship and service is to demonstrate one's own belief in the validity of spiritual aims and to assert one's self for freedom.

Unitarian and Universalist women have cooperated in many ways in the past. It may be that, within the Council of Liberal Churches, even greater opportunities for cooperation will present themselves. It is not outside the bounds of possibility that they may one day work together as a single unit. But whatever the future may hold for us, one thing is sure: the women of our two churches, the General Alliance and the Association of Universalist Women, will stand together in the cause of religious liberalism.

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WHO'S WHO AT A.U.W. 1955 INSTITUTES

Mrs. Irvin C. Brown, A.U.W. Financial Secretary and President of the Washington, D. C. Association, will teach Crafts at Murray Grove.

Mrs. J. Russell Bowman, Executive Director, will lead the women's program at Shelter Neck, N. C. and be dean at Ferry Beach where she will also lead the workshops.

Mrs. Donald Beebe, Kenmore, New York, is the general chairman of the Unirondack Institute.

Mrs. Robert Cope, Program Chairman of the New York A.U.W., will lead the Workshops at Unirondack.

Mrs. Palmer Cutter, Utica, New York, will be the dean at Unirondack.

Mrs. Robert Dick, President of the Ohio Association, will direct the women's programs at Midwest Institute, Bridgman, Michigan.

Mrs. Murrell Dobbins, Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be the registrar at Murray Grove for the A.U.W. week.

Mrs. Herman Genhart, President of the New York Association, will assist with the Workshops at Unirondack.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Harrison, Official Secretary, will be the registrar at Ferry Beach during the A.U.W. week.

Mrs. John H. Miller, A.U.W. Treasurer, will be the speaker at the Sunday Church Service at Murray Grove, July 17.

Mrs. George Tennant, Hamburg, New York, will be the registrar at Unirondack.

Mrs. C. G. Wellington, Vice-President of the Mass. Association, will teach Crafts at Ferry Beach.

Mrs. Norman F. Whippen, A.U.W. Secretary, will be the dean at Murray Grove where she will also lead the Workshops.

Mrs. James Wilson, Church of the Divine Paternity, New York City, will speak on Korea at both Murray Grove on July 18, and Ferry Beach on August 8.

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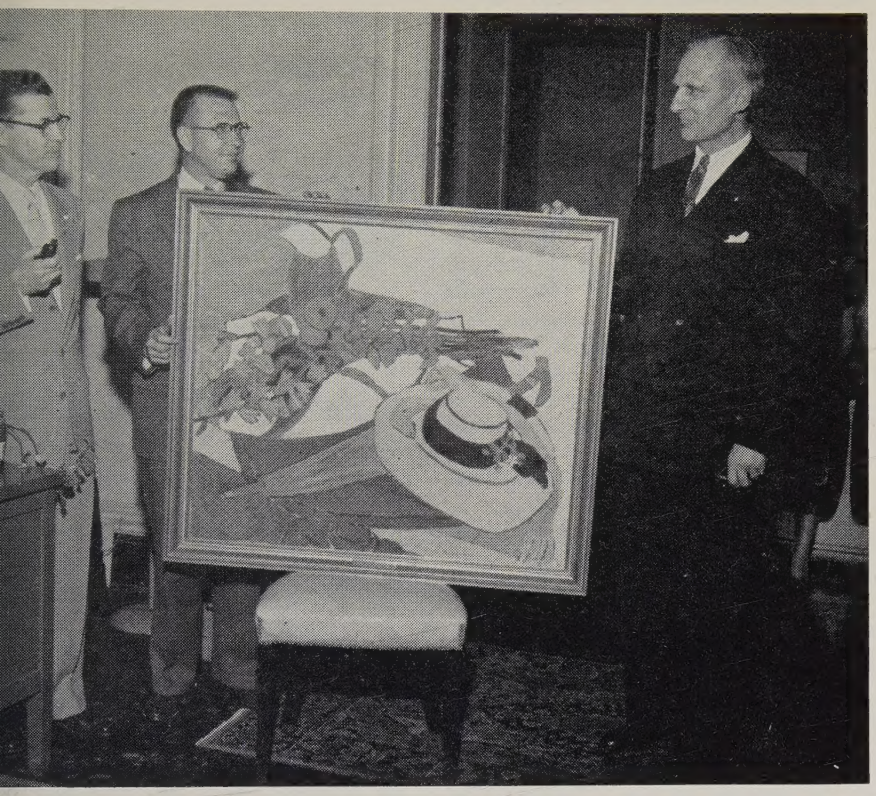
News of Churches and Church People

MAN REPUBLIC THANKS UNIVERSALISTS FOR SERVICE COMMITTEE RELIEF WORK



Dr. Werner Von Holleben (right), German Consul in Boston, presents a gift painting on behalf of West German President Theodor Heuss and the German people to the Rev. Dana E. Klotzle (center), West Newton, Massachusetts, Executive Director of The Unitarian Service Committee in appreciation of the Committee's relief and rehabilitation activities. The Rev. Brainard F. Gibbons, D. D., Superintendent of the Universalist Church of America (left), looks on.

The Universalist Service Committee as honored by The Federal Republic f Germany for its post war relief and habilitation work in that country at special ceremony which took place nday, June 5, 2:45 P.M. at the Uniersalist Church of America Headquarrs, 16 Beacon Street, Boston.

Dr. Werner Von Holleben, German onsul in Boston, presented a gift inting on behalf of West German resident Theodor Heuss and the Geran people to Rev. Dana E. Klotzle, Vest Newton, Massachusetts, Execuve Director of The Universalist Serve Committee.

According to Dr. Von Holleben, a rmer relief worker himself, the post ar assistance given to homeless German refugees by the Universalist Service Committee and similar American organizations provided incentive for the German people to recover from the devastating effects of the war.

During the period 1947-1951, the Universalist Service Committee established four homes for displaced children and youth in the British Zone of Germany. The youth home at Verden established by the Rev. Gustav Ulrich, D.D., now minister of the Concord, New Hampshire Universalist Church was known as "The Boys Town of the British Zone."

From 1950-1953 the Universalist Service Committee assisted Arbeiter Wohlfahrt, a national German Social Service organization, to train sixty thousand home nurses and social work volunteers to provide assistance in heavily bombed areas where hospitals, nursing homes and settlement houses had been destroyed.

Each summer for the past seven years the Universalist Service Committee has sent International Workcamp teams of young people to work with refugee German youth who have escaped from the Eastern Zone of Germany.

The International Workcamp team to be assigned to the refugee youth home at Druhwald this summer will be led by Peter Leppman of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Universalist Service Committee has received previous citations from the governments of Holland and Hungary for post war relief activities, from the UNESCO organization for work in India; from the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for relief efforts in that country.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCHMEN HONORED BY TUFTS

Harold E. Sweet, Universalist churchman of Attleboro, Massachusetts, for twenty-five years chairman of the Board of Trustees for Tufts, was the recipient of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the ninety-ninth Commencement of Tufts University, June 12.

Mr. Harvey E. Averill, also a Universalist layman, retiring as secretary of the Tufts Board of Trustees and assistant treasurer since 1921, was awarded an honorary Master of Arts degree.

REMEMBER THE DATES:

Murray Grove A.U.W. Institute, July 16-22

Unirondack A.U.W. Institute, July 17-23

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

BJARNE ORVILLE KJELSHUS was ordained to the Universalist ministry and installed as minister of St. Paul's Universalist Church, Webster City, Iowa, Sunday evening, May 1.

The Rev. Robert M. Bowman, minister of the Waterloo Church, presiding, gave the Call to Worship and offered the Invocation. The Scripture was read by the Rev. P. J. Hanson, minister of the Unitarian Church of Hanska, Minnesota. Dr. Carl H. Olson, minister of the First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, preached the Ordination Sermon.

The Act of Ordination was performed by Dr. Stanley Manning of Avon, Illinois. The Prayer was offered by the Rev. John S. MacPhee, director of the Midwest Universalist Conference. The Charge to the Minister was given by the Rev. P. J. Hanson and the Right Hand of Fellowship conferred by Dr. Manning.

The Act of Installation was led by Richard H. Hahne, chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's Church.

The Rev. John S. MacPhee gave the Charge to the Congregation. C. Richard Shane, treasurer of the Iowa Universalist Convention, welcomed the new minister to the state. A Welcome to the Community was voiced by the Rev. Clarence W. Dehne, minister of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Webster City, and president of the City Ministerial Association. Greetings from the Iowa Unitarian Association were brought by the Rev. J. N. Henriksen, minister of the First Unitarian Church of Iowa City.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Bjarne O. Kjelshus.

An informal reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Kjelshus followed the service.

DR. L. WARD BRIGHAM WRITES

I have just had my ninetieth birthday. Physically, I seem intact, but I am really overcome by the messages from individual friends from Maine to California, recalling mutual happy memories and breathing good will.

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Murray's Reply

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Is not the substantial merit of liberal religion of greater moment than any question of propaganda?

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We have given our answer to the question. We may be wrong. With Dr. Davies and Mr. Weston we hope the matter will be carefully studied by every Unitarian and Universalist in the country in the months immediately ahead. We expect Detroit to give a clue to the direction in which thought is moving. We do not expect Detroit to settle the question once and for all.

—IRVING R. MURRAY, *Chairman*
Joint Interim Commission on Federal Union

A.U.W.

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UNIVERSALIST MINISTERS WHO WILL COOPERATE IN THE PROGRAMS

Rev. Richard H. Bird, Jr., will give a colored slide lecture on Universalist Churches for evening programs at both Murray Grove and Ferry Beach.

Rev. Ida M. Folsom, minister of the Tarpon Springs, Florida, Church and former Executive Director of the Association, will speak Sunday evening, August 7, at Ferry Beach.

Rev. Philip R. Giles, Director of the Universalist Departments of Ministry and Church Extension, will lead the Churchmanship Discussions at Ferry Beach.

Rev. Dana E. Klotzle, Director of the Universalist Department of Service Projects, will lead the Freedom Agenda Discussion at Unirondack.

Dr. Emerson H. Lalone, Editor of *The Universalist Leader,* will lead the Churchmanship Discussion at Unirondack.

Rev. Carl J. Westman, minister of the Bridgeport, Connecticut Church, will lead the Churchmanship Discussion at Murray Grove.

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NOTICES

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Renewed the Lay License of Mr. Richard K. Eaton for three years as of May 28, 1955.

Renewed the Letter of License to Preach of the following: Mr. John T. Dahlquist as of June 2, 1955 for one year. Mr. Robert E. Thompson as of June 28, 1955 for one year.

Accepted by transfer from Vermont and Quebec Mr. Carl J. Nelson, Licentiate with the right to perform the Christian Ordinances. This License to expire January 12, 1956.

—RAYMOND M. SCOTT, *Secretary*

VERMONT AND QUEBEC UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CONVENTION

Voted to transfer the fellowship of Carl J. Nelson to the Massachusetts Universalist Convention inasmuch as he is now serving as minister of the Wellesley Universalist Church.

—CARROLL FENWICK, JR., *Secretary*

BOOK SERVICE DISCONTINUED

The Universalist Book Service will be closed as of June 30, 1955. An announcement of where to buy material formerly available through the Book Service will be forthcoming.

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